

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## *Catholic Church*

MAY 21, 2023 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## WELCOME!

### CONTACT US

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[stjohnscatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnscatholicchurch.com)

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday** 5:15 pm

**Sunday** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Word & Communion Service**

Mon – Fri 8:15 am

### RECONCILIATION

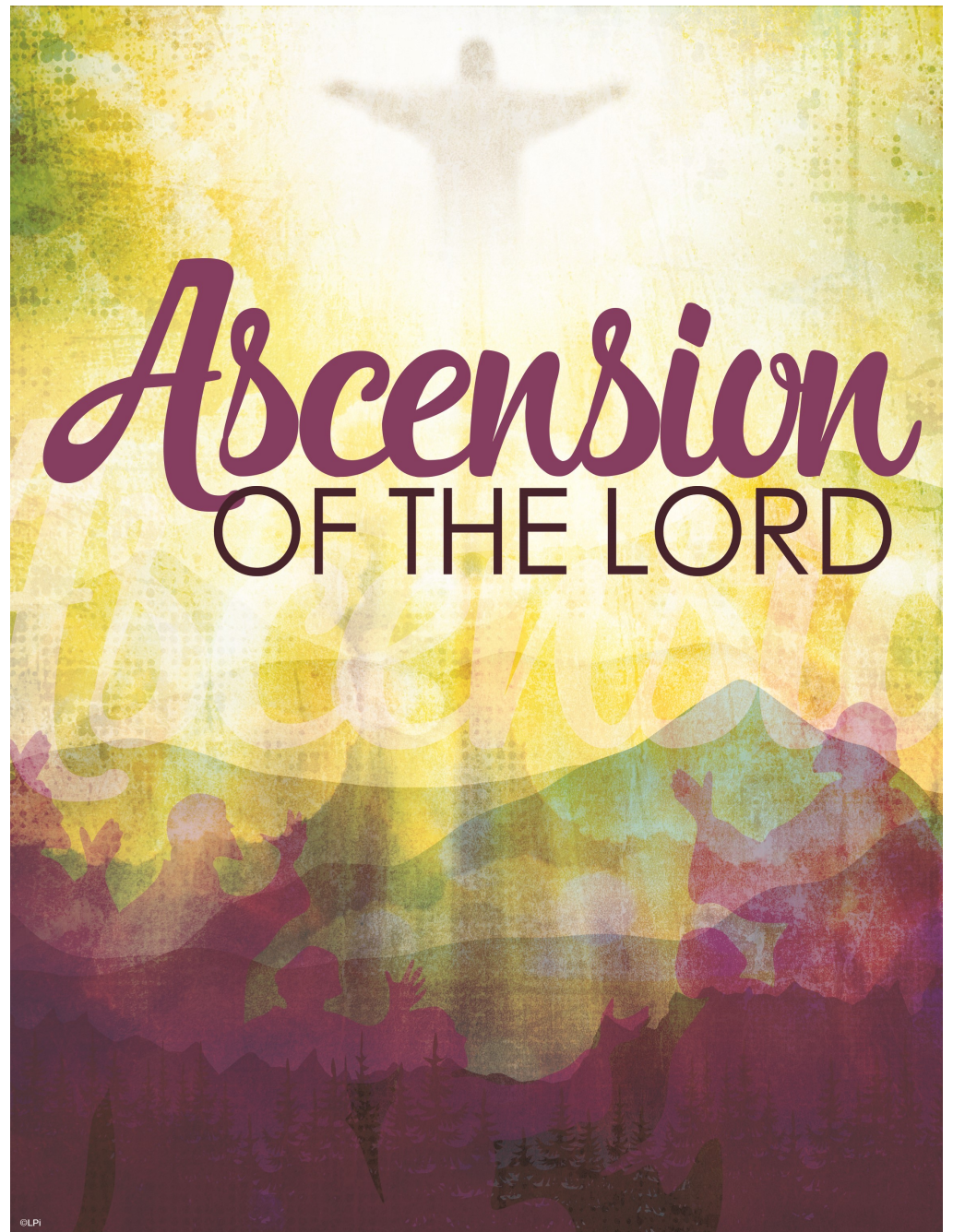
Confessions will take place  
in the Reconciliation Room

**Saturdays** 4:30 pm

or by appointment

### ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel



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## MISSION STATEMENT

With the Holy Spirit pouring the love of God into our hearts,  
we invite people to Christ by living like Christ through prayer, service, and learning.

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### ST. JOHN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS

#### Pastoral Leadership Team:

Dan Hansen | Jaci James | John Fell  
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## FROM THE DEACON

### *Why Are You Standing There?*

I love today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, especially when the angels ask the Apostles, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What a great picture! Of course, I would be looking up at the sky, too. Who wouldn't? But the angels know the will of Jesus and the Father; there is no time to look at the sky, there is work to be done here on earth. Jesus charges the Apostles with completing his work on earth, to "go and make disciples of all the nations," and that is our mission too. As followers of Christ, our prayer and liturgical life should manifest itself in the world. The visible acts of charity of the early Christians both impressed and confounded their pagan neighbors. The Love of neighbor shown by the first Christians was their greatest evangelical tool in winning souls for Christ. Today is no different. Our actions speak louder than our words. Whatever our profession or place is in life, let us be visibly Catholic as we engage the world.

Deacon Chris

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* — Mt 28:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, MAY 22

ACTS 19:1-8; JN 16:29-33

8:15 am Word Service

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

ACTS 20:17-27; JN 17:1-11A

8:15 am Word Service

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

ACTS 20:28-38; JN 17:11B-19

8:15 am Word Service

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26

8:15 am Word Service

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

ACTS 25:13B-21; JN 21:15-

8:15 am Word Service

### SATURDAY MAY 27

ACTS 28:16-20,30-31; JN 21:20-25

5:15 pm Jeff Longenecker †, Joe Trio †, Glenn & Todd Dezell †, Jack Koch †

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

ACTS 2:1-11; 1 COR 12:3B-7,12-13; JN 20:19-23

8:00 am Carol Armstrong †, Robert Pierret †, Margaret & Jerry Grimley †,  
Brian & Jan Hughes (Spec. Intention)

10:00 am Doris Ramy †, Delores Reuter †, LaDonna Alfson †, Tom Ommen †

*Ascension of the Lord*

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Join Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota's mission to bring light to those in need. Your support today will help provide essential services and transform lives in our community.

Your gift can make an impact today: Scan or visit [www.ccsomn.org/parish-appeal](http://www.ccsomn.org/parish-appeal).

Donation envelopes are also available.



### You Are Invited!

SAN LUCAS TOLIMAN MISSION  
JAN. 25 -FEB. 1, 2024

You are invited to join the Mankato Joy group on a learning/service trip to San Lucas Toliman Mission. Whether you are returning or going for the first time, you are welcome. San Lucas Trips are a blend of learning about the culture of the area, developing relationships with the residents there, and participating in the daily life of the area in a variety of ways. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact: Mary Beth Nygaard 507 625 1450 or [mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com](mailto:mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com) Hope to hear from you soon!!

### We Are Cleaning House!

Leftover stone from the church renovation is free —first come first serve for the taking.

It will be available in the parking lot by the old rectory, until gone.

### SSND Event

Young Adult Evening Prayer

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/5-23-23/](http://ssnd.org/events/5-23-23/).



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## GRADUATION MASS

HONORING THE

# CLASS OF 2023

MAY 28, 2023

10:00 AM

PLEASE RSVP  
TO  
PARTICIPATE



All students wishing to be part of this Mass must register.

A celebration brunch will be provided after Mass for our seniors and their families.

<https://forms.gle/TrE6amKRuFEFLUJq7>

CONTACT JACI JAMES IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

### St. John's Book Club

The St. John's Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 31st at 1:00 pm in the parish library.

## SACRAMENTS

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**Baptism** - To prepare your child for Baptism, it is essential that parents participate in Pre-Jordan preparation.

**Marriage** - Contact the parish office 1 year in advance of wedding date. Marriage prep is required.

**Becoming Catholic** - If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or have questions about the process (Christian Initiation), please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of the Sick - Anointing**

If you have a serious illness, are facing hospitalization and/or surgery, please contact the parish office to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** —All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

**Psalm** — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)

**Second Reading** — If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

**Gospel Reading**— Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

## LOYOLA NEWS

Congratulations to the Loyola class of 2023! They will graduate this evening, Sunday, May 21, at 6pm in the Loyola Chapel.

Did you know? Loyola has awarded more than \$225,000 in scholarships in the past year. We strive to make a faith-based education possible for all families regardless of their ability to pay. Support is made possible by our generous donors and community partners – thank you!

Attention Loyola alumni! Has your contact information recently changed? Please let us know so that you continue to receive important news and updates from the school. Contact us at [development@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:development@loyolacatholicschool.org) with your new information.

Looking for a way to get involved at Loyola? We are always in need of classroom substitutes. For information, contact [employment@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:employment@loyolacatholicschool.org)

Be sure to keep up with Loyola's happenings on social media! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in Mankato!



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.*

**Blood Drive** St. John the Baptist  
Monday, May 22, 2023 in Matthews Hall  
12:00 pm –5:00 pm  
Please call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit:  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter SJTBCKATO to schedule an appointment.  
Get summer ready! Give between May 20-31  
for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel while they last!

### St. John's Prayer Network

To submit a request call:  
Mickey Bicek 388-5906 or Lynn Beadell 345-6812  
Email: Pastoral Care Associate at: [mike@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:mike@stjohnsmankato.net)

## MASS TIMES AROUND THE AREA

### DIOCESE WEEKLY TELEVISED MASS SCHEDULE:

KTTW Channel 7 (Sioux Falls) at 7:00am  
KEYC Channel 12 (Mankato) at 7:30am  
KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or  
Charter Channel 19 (Mankato) at 9:30am  
KAAL Channel 6 (Rochester) at 9:00am  
WKBT Channel 8 (LaCrosse) at 7:30am



## FINANCES

Previous Total \$897,310.04

### MAY 5-12, 2023

Adult Support	\$ 5,882.00
Offertory	\$ 899.55
Holy Day/Holiday	\$ 25.00
Donations via website— 5/12/23	\$ 725.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,531.55</b>

Weekly Offering goal is:  
\$ 18,163.73

Year-to-date income as of  
5-12-2023 \$ 904,841.59

## THANK YOU

To everyone who has been dropping off or mailing your weekly donations. We are grateful for whatever contributions you are able to make, as we pay our utilities, payroll and other expenses. Your generosity is much appreciated!

### Money Counters

May 22: Team 3  
May 30: Team 1  
June 5: Team 2

Did you know that you can now make donations by text?  
Text to: 1-507-428-2929

Daily Communion Minister:  
May 22-26

May 27—5:15 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Maggie Bennett, Rita Dauw, Margaret Dugo

**Lector:** Craig Soupir

**Sacristan:** Craig Soupir

**Servers:** Noah Altomari, Olivia Altomari

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 2

May 28—8:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Mike Ulman, Colleen Walters, Mary Westby

**Lector:** Mary Westby

**Sacristan:** Beth Pooley

**Servers:** Jan Hughes, Oliver Tibodeau

**Ushers/Hospitality:** Team 6

May 28—10:00 am

**Communion Ministers:** Marsha Murphy, Jen Pfeffer, Dianne Reuter

**Lector:** Leon Schaffer

**Sacristan:** Jeanne Atkinson

**Servers:** Jack Green, Maya Pintero

**Ushers/Hospitality:** 10

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

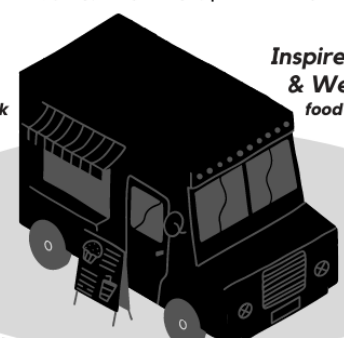
**Faith + Food Trucks + Family**  
SUMMER KICK-OFF NIGHT!

**WED. JUNE 7TH**  
@ 5:00 - 7:00 PM

632 S. BROAD ST. | MANKATO



**Zip Zap**  
ice cream truck



**Inspire Health & Wellness**  
food truck



**Making Faces Mankato**  
FACE PAINTING



**Bullypulpit**  
bluegrass

...AND MORE!  
Bring your lawn chair & your friends! | Menu prices vary.

**LIVE MUSIC** featuring **Bullypulpit bluegrass**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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# 06 THE WEEK AHEAD

## MONDAY, MAY 22

**Word Service**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Noon - 5:00 PM  
**Spirit Singers**  
5:30 PM - St. Elizabeth Room

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

**Sunrise AA Meeting**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Word Service**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Staff Meeting**  
2:00 PM - JP II  
**Hope Women's Grief Group**  
5:15 PM - Matthews Hall  
**Knights of Columbus**  
6:30 PM - Matthews Hall

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

**Word Service**  
8:15 AM - Church

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

**Word Service**  
8:15 AM - Church  
**Simon Ministry**  
10:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**RCIA**  
6:30 PM - Marian Room

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

**Al-Anon - ZOOM**  
**Early Risers AA**  
6:30 AM - Matthews Hall  
**Word Service**  
8:15 AM - Church

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

**Confessions**  
4:30 PM - Reconciliation Room  
**Mass**  
5:15 PM - Church

## SUNDAY, MAY 28

*Pentecost*  
**Mass** 8:00 AM - Church  
**Mass** 10:00 AM - Church



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FAITH NIGHT WITH THE MOONDOGS!

Presented by



July 9th @ 5:05pm against Willmar Stingers

### ABOUT FAITH NIGHT

Come out to the park and enjoy an outing with your parish friends!

### TICKET PRICE

\$6 per ticket

**REGISTER  
BY JUNE  
12th!**

### ADD A MEAL

Add a meal voucher for only \$4 per ticket. Includes a hot dog, pop, and chips.

**TOTAL OF \$10**

### ADD A BIGGER DEAL

For only \$4 more, get:

- Ticket
- Meal Voucher
- MoonDogs hat
- Voucher for 1 free Pizza Ranch buffet

**TOTAL OF \$14**  
(\$36 value)

CLICK THE QR CODE ABOVE TO  
RESERVE YOUR TICKETS OR CALL  
THE PARISH OFFICE.

<https://form.jotform.com/231244511049144>



# Faith FORMATION

Using a cell phone camera, hover over the QR code image and click on the link that pops up



**.VBS REGISTRATION CLOSING ON MAY 28TH!**

3-2-1- Blast off! All youth are invited to Shine Jesus' Light this June at VBS with St. John's & Holy Rosary! Each evening will include faith-filled fun, games, crafts, bible stories, snacks, and more! Register TODAY!



Youth (Grade 5 & up), Teens and Adults will be needed to volunteer as Crew Captains, Co-Captains, Rotation Leaders, Helpers, & more!

Totally Catholic

# STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

## Vacation Bible School

St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Catholic Churches | Mankato

June 12-16, 6-8:15 p.m.

St. John's & Holy Rosary Parishes invite all Kindergarten thru Grade 4 parish youth to join us for a "STELLAR" experience this Summer!

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!**

Contact [jcusick@stjohnsmankato.net](mailto:jcusick@stjohnsmankato.net)

### ST. JOHN'S SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT • SAVE THE DATE | WED. JUN. 7TH:

Come celebrate the last day of school with us with LIVE Music —Deacon Chris & Bullypulpit Bluegrass, Inspire Health & Wellness Food Truck, Zip Zap Ice Cream Truck, Lemonade Stand, Making Faces Mankato face painting & MORE! Menu prices will vary. Open to the public! Bring chairs & friends to our north parking lot near City Park, 5-7 p.m. June 7th.

### FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL | GRADES 1-5:

Registration for the 23-24 Faith Formation Year (Sunday School & CLW) will open by July.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD | PRE-K & K:

On pause; stay tuned for details regarding potential CLW for the upcoming summer months!

### EVERYONE IS INVITED & ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Interested in becoming Catholic? Want to join our parish? Have faith questions? Jesus has led you to the right place! We encourage you to connect with us today.